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HOME TEAM DREAM

Bal Gosal, Minister of State for Sport, and Karina LeBlanc, Canadian women's national team goalkeeper, meet with students at Fisher Park Public School in Ottawa Wednesday. LeBlanc said she never dreamed the FIFA Women's World Cup would be played in Canada, as it will be this year. Story, page 8. JOE LOFARO/METRO

'It was about other people'

Chris Taylor. Toronto leukemia patient and stem-cell donation advocate leaves behind selfless legacy



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Laying in a bed in Toronto's Princess Margaret Hospital, uncertain about the future, each day was a gift for Chris Taylor.

Diagnosed with leukemia in his mid-30s, he devoted most of his tumultuous, year-and-a-half battle with the disease to raise awareness about stem-cell donation and urged young Canadians to become donors.

That is the legacy he left behind and how his friends and family want him to be remembered. Taylor passed away Tuesday at 1:17 p.m. in hospital. He was 37.

"When Chris was going through all this he wanted to raise awareness. It wasn't about himself. It was about other people," said his friend Kim Dixon from Toronto.

Originally from Ottawa, Taylor moved to Toronto to open Grace O'Malley's bar with a friend. He made his illness public after falling ill in July 2013.

In a series of interviews with Metro, he spoke about the ups and downs of waiting for a life-saving bone marrow transplant and urged young Canadians to register with OneMatch, a program run by Canadian Blood Services, which matches potential stem-cell donors to unrelated patients around the world.

His first match couldn't donate for medical reasons. His second backed out for unspecified reasons. And while the third time was a charm — a bone marrow transplant was successful last May and he went into remission — a bout of pneumonia last week

is what caused his death.

His family was told that the procedure weakened his immune system, which put him at risk of getting sick and contracting infections.

"His body couldn't fight those off," said Dixon.

Taylor's fiancée, Michelle, never got to marry her long-time boyfriend, but she wants the public to know that the OneMatch system worked, Dixon added.

"OneMatch gave him hope and it gave him more time and it gave him something to fight for," said Dixon.

His story touched many people. Dixon recalls there being a lineup outside his bar on the night it held a "swab party" to recruit potential donors.

Swab drives were also held in Ottawa at the Grace O'Malley's he managed before he changed area codes, and at the Crazy Horse Stonenegrill in Kanata, which he co-owned.

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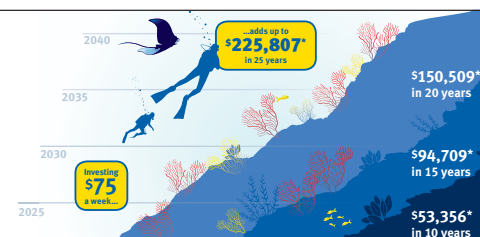


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Councillor to fight transit hike



OC Transpo fares will be going up by 2.5 per cent, starting July 1, 2015. METRO FILE

Motions. Jeff Leiper concerned about accessibility for city's poorest riders



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The transit commission approved its 2015 draft budget Wednesday, but one councillor challenged the planned 2.5 per cent increase to OC Transpo fares.

Coun. Jeff Leiper introduced two motions — one for a modest increase in property taxes instead of a hike at the fare box, and another to freeze only the cash fare, which is set for a 10-cent bump to \$3.55, an increase of 2.9 per cent.

Cash, Leiper said, is how many of the city's poorest pay their fare, which is why food banks keep jars of change handy.

"When their clients need to get from point A to point B, haven't got 3-1/2 bucks' worth of fare, they're able to reach into that jar and get them the money they need to get where they need to go,

whether that's a job interview or whether it's trying to get to child care or whatever, library, school," he said. "The cash fare is how our most vulnerable people travel by bus, in my view."

Leiper got tepid support from fellow commissioners and withdrew the motions once assured he could re-introduce them to council as a whole.

Commission chairman Stephen Blais said that unless Leiper found another source of money to offset the transit-fare freeze, his motion was unlikely to find many takers at council.

"I don't think there's broad support around the council table to increase taxes to further subsidize artificially low bus fares," he said.

Leiper said he'll discuss the matter with colleagues and possibly seek a compromise.

"I think that council is on notice that this is something I want to bring to it," he said. "It puts it on the table as something that we should be thinking about. Whether or not the motion passed today, I'm glad that it has become an important part of the discussion."

City has no plans for more LRT washrooms

Confederation Line passengers are just going to have to hold it in for the 24-minute train trip from Blair to Tunney's Pasture, because there are no plans to add public washrooms to the stations in between.

Representatives from both the Ottawa Seniors Transportation Committee and the GottaGo! Campaign, which advocates

for more and better public washrooms, urged the city's transit commission Wednesday to install facilities at all LRT stations.

"I think all of us have had the experience of being caught short," said Joan Kuyek of GottaGo! "The Confederation Line stations seem to us to be an opportunity to do it right."

She also said park-and-

rides and transit hubs like Hurdman and Bayview stations are desperately in need of facilities.

Planned LRT stations at Blair and Tunney's will have public washrooms, commission chairman Stephen Blais says, and the city is working with property owners near the downtown stations in between for signage pointing the way to

existing amenities.

"If council wants to get into the business of public-access washrooms," Blais said, "that is a much bigger policy discussion we should have as part of our strategic priority-setting exercise, so we can properly understand exactly the extent of what all that will cost compared to our other priorities."

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Four companies make the cut for LeBreton Flats: NCC

Development. Rendez Vous LeBreton Group is proposing a new NHL arena for the 9.3 hectares of land beside the war museum



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The National Capital Commission says it's "open" about deciding what to do with LeBreton Flats — except the developers have been told to keep their proposals secret.

That's what NCC authorities told reporters on Wednesday, after they unveiled four companies that made the cut for the 9.3 hectares of land beside the Canadian War Museum. An additional 12.3 hectares is optional.

Claridge Homes, Devcore Group, Focus Equities and Rendez Vous LeBreton Group made the shortlist. A fifth also submitted in early January, but did not meet the criteria.

At this stage, their plans are broad and vague. But we know Rendez Vous LeBreton Group



The four companies that have made the short list for the LeBreton Flats redevelopment are Claridge Homes, Devcore Group, Focus Equities and Rendez Vous LeBreton Group. SEAN MCKIBBON/METRO

is proposing a new NHL arena.

NCC CEO Mark Kristman said the descriptors are only meant to give a "sense" of the plans and the Crown cor-

poration has asked developers to keep from "communicating" their projects. This follows their usual RFP protocol, he said.

"This is, of course, a larger one. The stakes are higher," he said. "I think the proponents need to be given the space, and time, to develop their propos-

als. I think it's a very open and exceptional step that we've asked the proponents, or will ask in the RFP, that they prepare to present in an open,

public session."

The criteria for the RFP is also kept under wraps, but will be made public once the final designs are unveiled.

Here's what we know

- Each company's plan has room for "green spaces, and residential and commercial developments," according to the NCC.
- Claridge, Devcore and Focus are all pitching something "cultural."
- Focus Equities is looking to build "the headquarters of an international organization."
- The NCC will give each of the above proponents \$75,000 to prepare designs and financial plans. Those will be submitted in November 2015.
- The public will be invited to comment on the designs.
- The winning design will be picked in mid-2016.

Val-des-Bois man charged in fatal hit-and-run



Maryse Beaulne, a 17-year-old CEGEP de l'Outaouais student. FACEBOOK

Police in west Quebec have charged a Val-des-Bois man with failing to stop at the scene of an accident that killed a 17-year-old Cantley student on Highway 307 last October.

Maryse Beaulne was waiting for the bus around 6:25 a.m. when she was clipped by a northbound pickup and then run over by a second car, allegedly driven by 26-year-old Pascal Mailloux.

Off-duty officers with MRC were the first on scene, but it was too late for the CEGEP de l'Outaouais student.

She was transported to the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario, where she later died from her injuries.

Mailloux allegedly fled the scene and later turned himself in at the local police station in Wakefield after media reported that police

were looking for a second car.

However, MRC des Collines Police spokesman Martin Fournel says the suspect knew what he had done soon after the accident.

"If you know you hit something, but you don't know what it is, you come back. That is what you are supposed to do," said Fournel.

"But in his case there is

evidence that shows that, really soon after the impact, he knew and he didn't come back."

Police charged Mailloux on Wednesday with leaving the scene "knowing he had caused fatal injuries."

The driver of the pickup, who remained at the scene, was not charged.

Mailloux will appear in court at a later date.

TREVOR GREENWAY/METRO

Crime

Maximum reward offered to catch bank robbers

Crime Stoppers and the Ottawa Police are offering the maximum \$2,000 reward for information that leads to the arrests of two

robbery suspects who hit two city banks earlier this month.

The first robbery took place Feb. 5 around 8:30 a.m. when a lone man walked into a bank in the 1600 block of Montreal road.

He produced a note indicating that he was armed and later flashed a handgun

from his pocket. He fled with an undisclosed amount of cash.

He is described as a black male about five-foot-seven and was seen wearing black clothing. He spoke English and with a stutter.

The second happened Feb. 8 at 3:30 p.m. when a man entered a bank on St. Joseph Boulevard and

demanding cash. He fled the premises empty-handed.

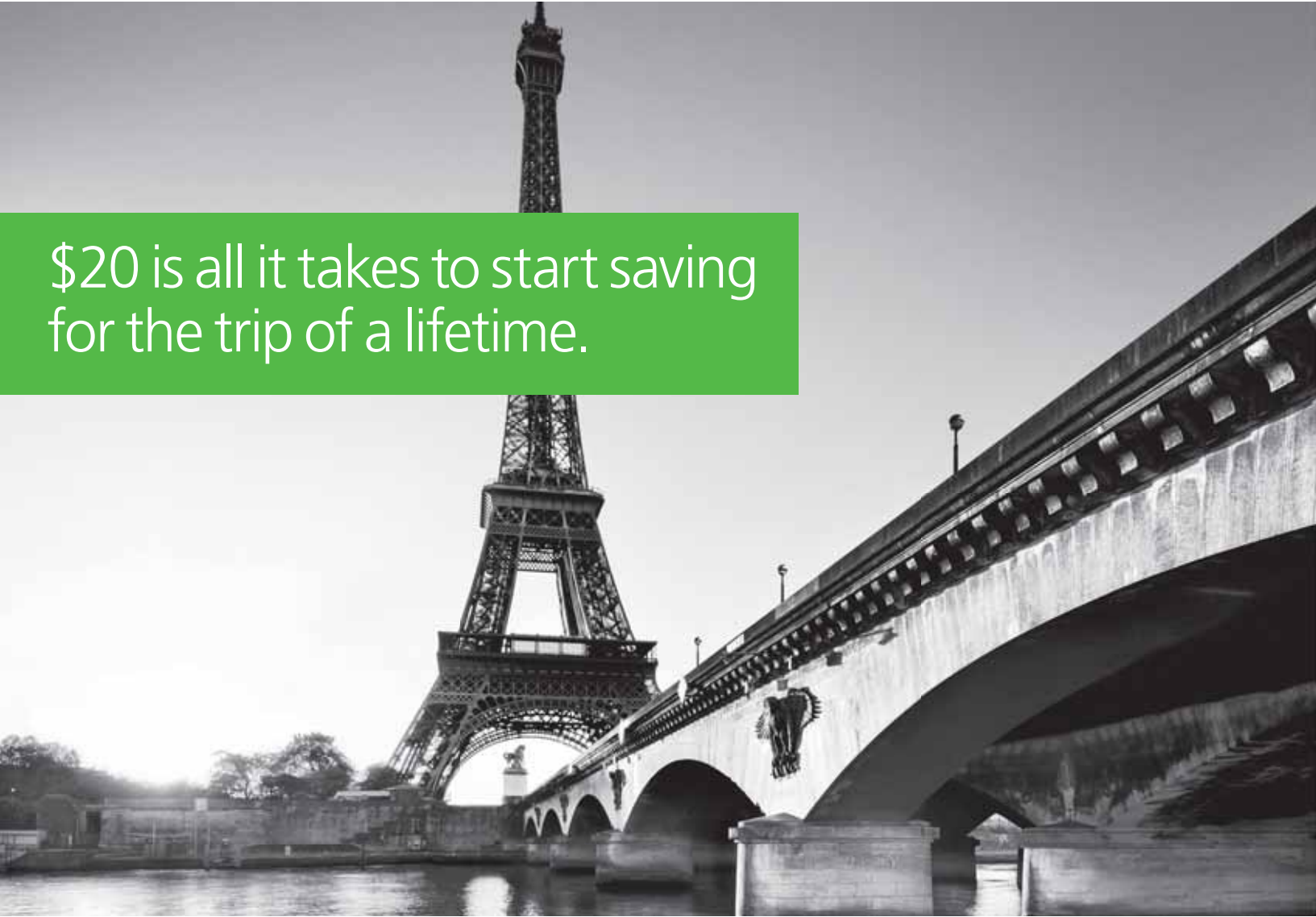
He is described as a skinny black male in his early 20s, about five-foot-six. He was wearing a grey jacket with a hood and a beige balaclava.

Anonymous tips can be submitted by calling Crime Stoppers toll-free at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS).

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A picture of one of the suspects being sought. COURTESY OF OTTAWA POLICE



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Winter. Cross-country skier dies after collapse in Gatineau Park



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A 65-year-old cross-country skier died Wednesday morning after collapsing on a trail in Gatineau Park.

MRC des Collines Police spokesperson Martin Fournel said it's likely the man suffered a heart attack while out for a morning ski with his wife. Fournel said he had previous health conditions.

"There is a high possibility he had a heart attack," said Fournel.

"People were doing CPR as soon as they noticed. There was about 10 or 15 other skiers who stopped to help," Fournel added.

Gatineau

The man and his wife were skiing between Dunlop Road and the Champlain Lookout at around 10:15 a.m. when he collapsed. Several other skiers noticed the man in distress and stopped to aid him.

When police arrived on snowmobile shortly after, they continued CPR and put the man on a stretcher and sent him to hospital. He was later pronounced dead at the Hull hospital.

Police are not identifying the man.

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"People were doing CPR as soon as they noticed. There was about 10 or 15 other skiers who stopped to help."

Martin Fournel, MRC des Collines Police spokesperson

NDP to oppose 'dangerous' anti-terror bill: Mulcair

Federal politics.

NDP Leader Thomas Mulcair says the bill is 'over-reaching,' puts politics ahead of protecting Canadians

NDP Leader Tom Mulcair says his party will oppose the Conservative government's proposed anti-terrorism bill.

While terrorism is a real threat, the planned federal law is vague, ineffective and goes too far, Mulcair told a news conference on Wednesday.

"It doesn't do things that are proven to work and puts politics ahead of protecting Canadians," Mulcair said, ending weeks of speculation on the party's stance.

"We cannot protect our freedoms by sacrificing. New Democrats have a different vision. Freedom and public safety have to go hand-in-hand. We will hold true to our principles



NDP Leader Tom Mulcair speaks during a news conference on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on Wednesday regarding the federal government's recent anti-terrorism bill. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

and oppose this dangerous, over-reaching legislation."

The bill, tabled late last month in response to the

daylight murders of two Canadian soldiers, would give the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) more power to

thwart suspected terrorist plots.

It would also make it easier for the RCMP to obtain a peace bond to restrict the movements of suspects and extend the amount of time they can be kept in preventative detention.

In addition, it creates a new criminal offence of encouraging someone to carry out a terrorism attack.

"Experts warn that broad measures in this bill could lump legal dissent together with terrorism," Mulcair said. "And the bill would give significant new powers to CSIS without addressing serious deficiencies in oversight."

Justin Trudeau's Liberals have said they will vote for the bill, despite concerns it does not include new watchdog powers to guard against abuses.

"This bill merits real debate," Mulcair said. "Mr. Harper and the Conservatives have intimidated the Liberals into supporting this deeply flawed legislation. We in the NDP are going to fight it."

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Hometown FIFA World Cup is 'huge,' goalkeeper says

Sports. Team Canada's Karina LeBlanc gives inspirational talk to local high school students ahead of this summer's big event



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Karina LeBlanc never thought a FIFA World Cup match would ever come to Canada. Now, she's not only going to be watching the games, but playing in them, too.

As goalkeeper for the Canadian team in the FIFA Women's World Cup 2015 tournament, she said Canada hosting the international sporting event is "huge."

Especially so for Canadian soccer fans who, come June, will be able to root for their national team in their own country.

"This will be the biggest sporting event for women," said LeBlanc, 34, while visiting hundreds of students at Fisher Park Public School in Ottawa Wednesday.

"Never did I dream that it would be in our home country."

Inside the school's gymnasium, she gave a moving speech about the time she got cut from a tryout with a soccer

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"Being cut was the best thing that ever happened to me."

Team Canada goalkeeper Karina LeBlanc on how failing to make a soccer team in B.C. at age 15 pushed her to train harder.

team in British Columbia at age 15, while all of her friends made the team.

She left the tryout in tears. "Being cut was the best thing that ever happened to me," she said.

It pushed her to train harder and try out for an older team the following year. She made the cut. She soon got called to play nationally and a few years later represented Canada at the London 2012 Women's Olympics, where the team won a bronze medal.

"How do you like them apples?" she said, teasing the crowd with her medal.

Playing in the World Cup tournament evokes the same sense of pride she felt in London and she said she hopes to inspire a new generation of youth this summer.

"To come out here and interact with the kids and see their excitement for this summer makes us that much more excited," said LeBlanc.

The event runs June 6 to July 5, with Canada facing New Zealand in the opening match in Edmonton.



Canadian women's national team goalkeeper Karina LeBlanc speaks to students at Fisher Park Public School in Ottawa Wednesday about her journey to the Olympics. JOE LOFARO/METRO

Program helps to kick-start love of game

Physical & Health Education Canada announced Wednesday that more than 864,000 Canadian students have enrolled in its Move Think Learn — Soccer in Focus program, a resource for students to learn physical and decision-making skills with teachers.

Started in 2014, the program reaches students in Grades 4 to 9 in schools across Canada and teaches them tactical skills needed to improve their game. It is part of the FIFA Women's World Cup Canada 2015 legacy program. On Wednesday, Team Canada goalkeeper Karina LeBlanc taught students some tips and tricks during her visit to Fisher Park Public School.

She said the program can help youth pick up the sport at a young age, which is key for starting a professional sports career.

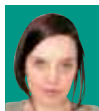
"That's what this program is about. They get to play it in school and I think once you start playing this sport, you fall in love with it," she said.

For PHE Canada, the program has wider implications. CEO and executive director Chris Jones said promoting physical activity among youth will help make perform better off the field, too.

"Children and youth who are physically active are more focused, better prepared to learn, have more positive relationships with their peers, and deal with adversity more positively," said Jones.

JOE LOFARO/METRO

Ottawa bike club gearing up for season



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With the end of the wicked winter weather just around the corner, members of the Ottawa Bicycle Club, the oldest club of its kind in Canada, are gearing up to hit the road once again.

The Ottawa Bicycle Club (OBC) was founded in 1882 and boasts roughly 1,200 members — a diverse range of riders, both in age and ability. On a sunny spring day, its group rides often attract more than 100 people.

"Going out for a ride with a group is completely different than going out for a ride

by yourself because there is that social aspect," says OBC president Peter Tregunno.

"You're riding beside someone so, naturally, you're going to talk so it's good to meet other people with similar interests."

The OBC's main focus is simply going out and riding, not speed. Some groups go out at 17-20 km/h for a couple of hours, have a coffee stop in the middle and head back to town. Others ride all day long.

"That's the sort of riding we do — it's leisure and recreation," says Tregunno.

In recent years, he says, he's noticed an increase in the amount of people using their bicycles not just for pleasure, but also as their main means of



Ottawa Bicycle Club members meet for group rides on Tuesdays, Saturdays and Sundays. COURTESY THE OTTAWA BICYCLE CLUB

transportation.

"I've been riding in Ottawa for 20-some-odd years and I ride to work a lot in the spring, summer and fall," he explains.

"Back when I started riding to work, it was myself and

a couple of other bikes at the bike rack, and now the bike rack is full every day, so that's the way that I gauge how the city is changing, with respect to cycling."

He admits he isn't sure if

the increase in cyclists is due to the City of Ottawa's continued efforts to commit itself to being more bike-friendly or if people are simply just looking for alternatives when it comes to getting around.

Becoming a member

OBC single membership fees for 2015 are \$35, and \$15 for each additional family member. Membership fees for youth (under 19) are \$15.

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App lets users rent work space by the hour in urban centres

Technology. Breather, a mobile app, hopes to capitalize on the steady movement of people into the ranks of the self employed

Sarah Lazar, a self-employed graphic designer in Toronto, can't afford to rent a work-space on a permanent basis. But the 26-year-old Montreal resident needs somewhere to regularly meet with clients, and her last attempt at holding a business meeting in a coffee shop proved frustrating.

"There was nowhere to sit," Lazar recalls. "There were people coughing up a lung.... I was just so uncomfortable."

Breather, a mobile app that allows users to rent pri-



Sarah Lazar, a freelance graphic designer, in her rented office space in Montreal on Feb. 9. Breather, a mobile app that allows users to rent private work spaces by the hour, hopes to capitalize on the steady movement of people into the ranks of the self employed or working from home. RYAN REMIOWZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

ate work space by the hour, hopes to capitalize on the steady movement of people into the ranks of the self employed or working from home.

The service is available in Montreal, Ottawa, San Francisco and New York and will soon be launching in Toronto. So far, the site has about 50 locations and expects to

have 200 spaces listed by July.

While the concept has started to gain steam in the U.S., Breather is one of the only apps to rent profession-

al work space by the hour in Canada.

With Breather, users can rent a small work space, usually in a downtown building, for rates ranging from \$15 to \$40 per hour depending on the city, the space and the time of day. The office spaces are furnished and equipped with Wi-Fi.

A temporary code to unlock the office door is sent to the user's phone about 15 minutes before the reservation time.

It's a familiar process for anyone who has ever used a smartphone to book a vehicle through car-sharing service Car2Go.

"I think of the phone as the key for everything," says Julien Smith, one of the company's co-founders. "Some people call it the remote control for your life."

Smith first jotted down the concept for Breather on

a cocktail napkin while waiting for a friend at a bar in the spring of 2013.

Since then he's managed to raise more than \$7 million in venture capital from firms such as Montreal's Real Ventures and RRE Ventures, which has backed startups like BuzzFeed, the video-sharing service Vine and 3D printing company MakerBot.

Lazar, who runs a design firm called Cow Goes Moo, says Breather gives her access to creatively inspiring spaces that she couldn't afford to rent on a full-time basis.

"I can't have an office that beautiful. I can't afford all the stunning furniture in there," said Lazar, who has been a frequent client for the past few months. "It's nice to go there for a few hours and pretend like it's mine." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Richard Gélinas and Margo MacDonald star in *Much Ado About Feckin' Pirates*, now playing at the Undercurrents theatre festival.

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On stage

Ottawa's undercurrents theatre festival

The undercurrents theatre festival started on Feb. 12 and runs until Feb. 21 at Arts Court Theatre and Studio.

Tickets are available at www.undercurrentsfestival.ca.

Here are a few words on selected shows playing in this year's festival.

Much Ado About Feckin' Pirates

A mostly improvised play about two pirates in timeout for fighting over a missing parrot. Created and performed by Ottawa's Richard Gélinas and Margo MacDonald.

Jerk It

It's not exactly a play, but "a reading of crowd-sourced masturbation stories," said Gauthier. The creators started a dummy email account, gave out the password and asked anyone with jerk-off stories to submit them anonymously. It runs Thursday to Saturday.

LOVE+HATE

Ottawa's own big-wigged electro-synth pop band created this concert-play hybrid show. Gauthier saw the show at the Ottawa Fringe Festival and loved it. Critics have been divided, but it sold out in the festival's opening night. It will close the week on Saturday.

Theatre pulls in crowds just like undertow

Stage. In its fifth year, undercurrents festival brings great performances to life



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The creators of an Ottawa independent theatre festival toiled over a name.

The best Patrick Gauthier and Lise Ann Johnson could come up with was something cheesy, punny and wintery to fit with the capital's cold season. Gauthier said he can't recall the exact moniker, except that it was "awful."

"I told my wife the name of it and she hated it," he said. So, he defiantly asked her to drum up something catchier.

"Undercurrents," she said. And thus the festival was spared of bad puns.

It's a fitting title for a crop of shows that fall below the radar of mainstream theatre.

Quoted

"(It's) what you don't necessarily always see, but it can completely take you away."

Patrick Gauthier

"It's what's happening underneath the surface," said Gauthier. "What you don't necessarily always see, but it can completely take you away."

Undercurrents is underway this week in Ottawa with its fifth edition and biggest lineup yet.

Shows from Ottawa and elsewhere are playing in the Arts Court Theatre or Studio. But don't expect the traditional plays you were dragged to go see in high school.

"I look for stuff that challenges the actor-audience relationship," said Gauthier. "I'm not interested in the fourth wall. I'm interested in that relationship; that experience that an audience member has that can only be achieved through live performance."

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17 Abbotsford police under investigation



MATT KIELTYKA
Metro in Vancouver

British Columbia's Office of the Police Complaint Commissioner is investigating 17 members of the Abbotsford, B.C., police department for alleged misconduct.

The OPCC, which provides civilian oversight of complaints involving municipal police in B.C., says there have been 148 allegations of misconduct under the province's Police Act against the officers. The OPCC learned of the allegations as the Vancouver Police Department (VPD) investigated one Abbots-

ford officer, Const. Christopher Nicholson, for alleged criminal offences in 2013.

Nicholson was arrested and charged in May 2013 for breach of trust, obstruction of justice and conspiracy to traffic a controlled substance. An Abbotsford police spokesman said Nicholson has been suspended without pay pending the outcome of his trial.

The OPCC says that during a review of the VPD investigation, more allegations of misconduct against Nicholson and 16 other Abbotsford police were found.

The 16 other officers implicated in the investigation remain on duty.

Crime

Luka Magnotta abandons appeal

Luka Rocco Magnotta abandoned the appeal of his first-degree murder conviction in the slaying of Jun Lin Wednesday, setting the stage for an eventual meeting between the killer and the

victim's devastated father.

Quebec Court of Appeal Judge Genevieve Marcotte asked Magnotta if he was abandoning his appeal voluntarily. Magnotta replied he'd made up his mind. A lawyer representing Lin's family said Lin's father is now willing to meet with Magnotta to learn more about what happened.

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B.C. students stage protest for gender-inclusive washrooms

Burnaby. School boards and other public institutions struggling with how to make transgender students feel safe

Theron Meyer has come to expect double-takes and nasty comments every time she uses a public washroom.

The 20-year-old Simon Fraser University student, who identifies herself as trans feminine, goes out of her way to avoid multi-stall washrooms — even tolerating hours of discomfort to avoid the subtle but powerful harassment levelled against her.

Meyer was among the students who staged a protest Wednesday to demand more gender-inclusive washrooms at SFU. The issue extends far beyond the university in Burnaby, B.C., as transgender students across Canada fight to



Protesters sit outside a men's washroom at Simon Fraser University as others occupy the inside Wednesday during a demonstration in Burnaby, B.C.
DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

feel safe using public facilities.

As part of their protest, transgender students occupied a men's washroom at SFU, placing a sign on the door that read, "All genders welcome," and "This toilet has been liberated from the gender binary."

There are about 50 single-

stall washrooms on the university's main campus in Burnaby. But protesters say they want gender-inclusive signs added to them and a number of multi-stall men's and women's restrooms to be made gender-neutral.

"I think that bathrooms shouldn't be places of identity

and I think that using the washroom is everybody's right," said protest organizer Nathan Lyndsay, 24, who identifies himself as trans masculine.

"Trans students and gender-non-variant folks carry a lot of anxiety about accessing washrooms because of a real fear of violence and rape." Associate vice-president of student services Tim Rahilly said that since 2003, whenever the university does renovations on a washroom, it considers the feasibility of making it gender-neutral.

Rahilly said there are gender-neutral washrooms on student residences but agreed that the university needs more gender-inclusive facilities on campus. He added that administrators would meet with protesters to hear their concerns.

Meanwhile, across Canada, school boards and other public institutions have struggled with how to make transgender students feel safe.

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Privacy watchdogs urge police to consider risks of body cameras

The country's federal and provincial privacy watchdogs are urging police departments to ponder the risks to privacy before they start equipping officers with body-worn cameras.

The federal privacy commissioner and privacy and personal information protection officials across the country have produced a guidance document on the subject.

The document says police should consider whether the

Concerns

There are a number of other concerns addressed by the watchdogs. They say recordings should be safeguarded with measures such as encryption, restricted access and strict retention periods.

expected benefits from the use of such cameras outweigh the

impact on privacy and personal information.

It suggests that police assess the overall risks to privacy and consider using pilot projects before embracing the widespread use of such cameras.

Police should also make sure that people are informed when a camera program is introduced. The guidelines also say people should be told when police are recording encounters. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Copenhagen

Gunman used assault rifle, two handguns

Danish police say the gunman behind weekend shootings at a free speech seminar and a synagogue in Copenhagen used an assault rifle and two handguns in the attacks.

Omar Abdel Hamid

El-Hussein, 22, was killed in a firefight with police early Sunday after a shooting spree that authorities say may have been inspired by the terror attacks in Paris last month.

Copenhagen police confirmed his identity late Tuesday, after several media, including The Associated Press, had already confirmed it through sources.

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Fighting in Afghanistan

UN records 22% rise in civilian deaths, injuries

The number of civilians killed or wounded in fighting in Afghanistan climbed by 22 per cent in 2014 to reach the highest level in five years as foreign troops concluded their combat mission, the UN said in

an annual report released Wednesday.

The United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan documented 10,548 civilian casualties in 2014, the highest number in a single year since 2009. They include 3,699 civilian deaths, up 25 per cent from 2013.

The UN says the Taliban and other insurgents were responsible for 72 per cent of all civilian casualties.

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Argentina

Thousands ask for answers about prosecutor's death

Thousands of Argentines are marching in Buenos Aires to demand answers in the mysterious death of prosecutor Alberto Nisman a month ago.

Carrying Argentine flags and waving signs reading "Justice!" and "Truth!",

protesters began walking Wednesday evening from Congress to the iconic Plaza de Mayo in downtown.

Nisman was found dead of a gunshot wound Jan. 18, hours before he was to detail to Congress his explosive accusations that President Cristina Fernandez orchestrated a secret deal with Iran to shield those responsible for the 1994 bombing of a Jewish community centre in Buenos Aires. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ukraine rail hub falls

Debaltseve. Giving up the town could remove the major impediment to a lasting ceasefire

Government soldiers pulled out of a ferociously contested railway hub in eastern Ukraine Wednesday, ending a siege so intense the retreating troops said they couldn't get water or food amid relentless shelling by Russian-backed separatists. At least six soldiers were killed in the withdrawal and more than 100 wounded.

President Petro Poroshenko sought to portray the fall of Debaltseve in a positive light, saying the pullback was carried out "in a planned and organized manner," despite assertions by exhausted and dirt-caked soldiers, some of whom made their way out on foot, that their forces suffered heavy losses.

No matter the circumstances, the retreat appeared to be an acceptance by the Ukrainian leader of a humiliating defeat in exchange for

a chance at pushing a shaky truce agreement forward and securing the pullback of heavy weapons.

The loss of Debaltseve was a serious setback for the army. The town is a strategic railroad junction that lies on the most direct route between the separatist east's two major cities, Donetsk and Luhansk. By taking control of it, rebels gain significant transportation connections to boost their regions' capacity to function as a unified entity.

Its strategic importance kept the battle raging even after a ceasefire between Ukrainian forces and the Russia-backed rebels went into effect Sunday and appeared to be mostly holding elsewhere after fighting that has killed more than 5,600 people since April.

Relinquishing the town could remove the major impediment to a lasting ceasefire and begin the next step that was agreed to in a peace deal last week — the pullback of heavy weapons by both sides to create a buffer zone at least 50 kilometres wide. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



While U.S. debates vaccines, Pakistan seeks to wipe out polio

A health worker gives polio vaccine to a child Monday at a bus terminal in Rawalpindi, Pakistan. While vaccine distrust has sparked debates amid a measles outbreak in the United States, Pakistan is in a deadly battle to wipe out polio. Long eradicated in the West, polio remains endemic in Pakistan after the Taliban banned vaccinations, a problem compounded by targeted attacks on medical staffers and suspicions that linger about the inoculations.

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Terrorists 'have perverted Islam': Obama

Muslims in the U.S. and around the world have a responsibility to fight a misconception that terrorist groups like ISIL speak for them, President Barack Obama said Wednesday in his most direct remarks yet about any link between Islam and terrorism.

For weeks, the White House has sidestepped the

question of whether deadly terror attacks in Paris and other Western cities amount to "Islamic extremism," wary of offending a major world religion or lending credibility to the "war on terror" that his predecessor waged. But as he hosted a White House summit on countering violent extremism, Obama said some in Mus-

lim communities have bought into the notion that Islam is incompatible with tolerance and modern life.

"We are not at war with Islam," Obama said. "We are at war with people who have perverted Islam."

While putting the blame on ISIL and similar groups — Obama said the militants mas-

querade as religious leaders but are really terrorists — the president also appealed directly to prominent Muslims to do more to distance themselves from brutal ideologies. He said all individuals have a duty to "speak up very clearly" in opposition to violence against innocent people.

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Kidnapping trial begins

Court. Prosecutors allege U.S. rabbi used force to make unwilling Jewish husbands divorce their wives

Opening statements began Wednesday in the trial of rabbi Mendel Epstein, who faces charges of conspiracy to commit kidnapping and attempted kidnapping.

Prosecutors allege the Orthodox rabbi's team used brutal methods and tools, including handcuffs and electric cattle prods, to torture men into granting divorces. Defence attorney Robert Stahl says the Orthodox rabbi wasn't involved in any crimes and is a "champion of women's rights."

During their opening statement, prosecutors played a short, grainy clip of Epstein discussing a staged kidnapp-

ing with two undercover FBI agents. He tells them: "Basically, what we're going to be doing is kidnapping a guy for a couple hours."

The kidnap team brought surgical blades, a screwdriver and rope to a staged kidnapping in 2013, authorities have said. Epstein, who was indicted last May along with his son and three other Orthodox rabbis, allegedly told the undercover agents he arranged similar kidnappings every year or year and a half.

"If (the cattle prod) can get a bull that weighs five tons to move, you put it in certain parts of his body and in one minute the guy will know," prosecutors said Epstein told two undercover FBI agents posing as a brother and sister trying to force the sister's husband to grant the ritual Jewish divorce known as a "get." Prosecutors say he was recorded telling the agents the effort would cost at least \$50,000.

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'The unspeakable in full pursuit of the uneatable'

In this Feb. 10 image, Gerald Sumner, huntsman and master of the hounds of Kimblewick Hunt, leads off the hunt in Ibstone, England. A decade ago, Britain banned fox hunting with hounds, a centuries-old blood sport Oscar Wilde dubbed "the unspeakable in full pursuit of the uneatable." Fox hunting has deep roots in the countryside and strong opponents in the urban centres. The Hunting Act banned using dogs to kill the animals, though there are loopholes: Up to two hounds can chase foxes into open ground so they can be shot. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Modi's pinstriped suit auctioned to clean up Ganges



Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi is auctioning the extravagant suit he wore to a reception for U.S. President Barack Obama in New Delhi, on Jan. 25, 2015.

SAURABH DAS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's dark suit, with its unique monogram pinstripes, went up for auction Wednesday in his home state of Gujarat, officials said.

The money raised in the three-day auction of the suit and hundreds of other gifts received by Modi will be used to clean up the heavily polluted Ganges River.

Modi wore the suit when President Barack Obama visited India last month. Photographs of the suit showing Modi's name monogrammed

in dull gold stripes went viral on social media.

Opposition leaders attacked Modi for his extravagance in wearing a suit that was estimated to cost more than 1 million rupees (\$20,000).

Ajay Maken, a leader from the opposition Congress Party, said the decision to auction the suit was a "damage-control exercise" after Modi was criticized for wearing expensive clothing.

During the recent campaign for elections in Delhi,

the Aam Aadmi Party, or Common Man's Party, highlighted Modi's exorbitant tastes to campaign against his Bharatiya Janata Party, accusing the prime minister of having lost touch with millions of poor people in India. The Common Man's Party won with an overwhelming majority.

By Wednesday, the highest bid received for the suit was more than 12 million rupees (\$240,000), officials said. The auction will conclude on Friday.

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Gifts

Gujarat official Milind Toravane said the suit and other items were gifts received by Modi after he became prime minister in May. During Modi's 2001-2014 stint as chief minister of Gujarat, the gifts he received were regularly auctioned off and the money collected used to fund programs for the education of girls in the state.

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Retirement. About 60% of Canadians expect to work past 65, poll suggests

A new poll has found there are more Canadians who expect to be working past age 65 than those who expect to be retired.

The annual Sun Life poll showed 60 per cent of respondents anticipated they would be working either full- or part-time when they reach 65.

Sun Life Financial says it's the first time in seven years that the number of Canadians polled who expect to still be working full-time past the normal retirement age (32 per cent) has surpassed the number of those who expect to be retired (27 per cent).

The survey showed 27 per

cent of respondents expected to be working part-time, 12 per cent did not know whether they would still be working and one per cent did not expect to be alive at 65.

The top reasons given by those polled as to why they would still be working were paying for basic living expenses (21 per cent) and a lack of confidence in adequate government benefits (18 per cent).

The Sun Life poll was conducted online by Ipsos Reid with a sample of 3,000 working Canadians between 30 and 65 years old from Dec. 5 to 22.

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Ontario government looks to voters to help craft budget



Matt Mernagh has a quiet smoke at a 2012 pro-pot rally at Queen's Park in Toronto. Some of the ideas from voters have included scrapping licence plates to improve aerodynamics and thereby save fuel, de-funding the Catholic education system and adding tolls to Highway 401 to fund Toronto subway expansion. RICHARD LAUTENS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

'Budget Talks.' Taxing marijuana among suggestions submitted to help the government raise revenues and decrease spending

Quoted

"I'm open to ideas. A good idea is a good idea — I don't care where it comes from."

Ontario Finance Minister Charles Sousa

is also convening provincewide pre-budget hearings.

"People have their ideas. I'm open to ideas. A good idea is a good idea — I don't care where it comes from," he said Wednesday.

In the run-up to last June's election, the Liberals launched a similar online suggestion box — known as "Common Ground" — but few proposals made the platform.

Still, the government is seeking feedback on how to prioritize spending and operate more efficiently to "create a better province."

So far, there have been 20,000 page views — and numerous submissions.

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Tax marijuana to bankroll health care, eliminate public funding for Catholic schools, toll more highways, take guns away from police officers, stop salting the roads and end bilingualism.

Those are among the scores of suggestions Ontarians have given Finance Minister Charles Sousa on a new government website designed to help him craft next month's budget.

Saddled with a \$12.5-billion deficit, Sousa is eager to hear ways to increase revenues and reduce spending, so he launched the "Budget Talks" site last week.

"It's the first time we've done it," said the treasurer, who

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SEXING UP THE ELECTRIC CAR

Electric cars need to hit the sweet spot of affordability and attractiveness, and Apple has the know-how to do that, as it has proven with the iPod



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MP3 players weren't much to look at in 2001. Ugly and not intuitive to use, they didn't make a style statement and not many people used them. Then came the iPod. The ads alone were enticing — the black silhouettes holding white iPods and earbuds, jamming in bus shelters, subway platforms and across major thoroughfares around the world. By making the iPod beautiful and usable, Apple's now iconic designer Jonathan Ive made digital music players a thing.

That's what needs to happen to the electric car.

According to news in the Wall Street Journal, Business Insider and other publications this past week, Apple has undertaken a major project to develop one and is apparently recruiting auto industry professionals in hordes. Images have been circulating online, of test vehicles kitted out with sensors and cameras.

Although electric cars have been slow to be adopted in Canada, sales have been steadily increasing over the past year, but nowhere near the levels they need to be if Canada wants to cut its greenhouse gas emissions significantly. An Apple electric car could be the tipping point we're looking for — the product that would make environmentally friendly vehicles cool.

People need to see how a new technology will benefit them before they adopt it. The largest group of people who bought electric cars in 2013 were 45-to-54-year-olds, accord-



An Apple electric car could be just the tipping point needed to make fossil-fuel-burning vehicles obsolete. iSTOCK

ing to recent research by Green Car Reports. But now that electric car prices are falling, millennials are starting to be able to afford them — and their tastes matter, too. For millennials, form, function and environmental sustainability are equally important.

Electric cars have environmental sustainability in the bag but, unfortunately, there's not an electric car today that quite hits the sweet

spot of affordability and attractiveness. The one great-looking electric car, the luxury Tesla Model S, has a base price that's higher than the down payment on your average condo.

The relatively affordable electric cars currently available are odd-looking and don't have mass appeal. The frog-eyed Nissan LEAF and the giant dustbuster Mitsubishi i-MiEV might work as niche-market products, like

Smart Cars do. But will they get a generation buying electric? No.

Car buyers are looking for design that's a step ahead, not a lightyear. Studies have shown that radically new and different prod-

ucts turn off consumers — RIP Crystal Pepsi and good luck to you, Google Glass. People tend to prefer new products that are easy to adopt and have design elements that are familiar. They don't like too much change too fast.

The electric vehicle industry needs a game-changer. An accessible, desirable product that will get everyone wanting to buy a whole new class of thing they never wanted before.

Beautiful and usable
By making the iPod beautiful and usable, Apple's now iconic designer Jonathan Ive made digital music players a thing. That's what needs to happen to the electric car.

In 2001, your Discman seemed just fine next to the MP3 players of the day, but when you compared it to the iPod, you suddenly saw it as a relic of a bygone era.

There needs to be an electric car just as magnetic, to make fossil-fuel-burning vehicles obsolete.

Stephanie Orford is a writer based in Vancouver.

Women face double standard in justice system



STEPHANIE TAYLOR
Metro in Halifax

Two people in Halifax are accused of plotting to commit the same gruesome crime. Their guilt has yet to be determined by the justice system but, in the court of public opinion, judgment has already been cast on the suspects. One is being vilified as immoral and reprehensible. The other simply as a loner. The only difference between the two is that one is a woman and one is a man.

This is not an uncommon scenario, according to Kim Pate, executive director of the Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies, which advocates for women in the justice system.

"The expectation is that women are not supposed to be violent," she said. "If a woman commits a violent act she is often seen as more morally blameworthy than a man would be in the same situation."

This perception, says Pate, is rooted in the ways girls are socialized to be nurturers.

That may be a possible explanation for why readers are calling 23-year-old Lindsay Kanittha Souvannarath a "disgusting pig" who looks like "a \$5 hooker," while her 20-year-old co-accused, Randall Steven Shepherd, is simply cast as deranged loner, for allegedly plotting to shoot up a Halifax mall on Valentine's Day.

The reality is that most people expect criminals to be men, and when that's not the case, we're often thrown a bit off, said Catherine Latimer, from the John Howard Society of Canada.

"When you think in your own mind and visualize who's likely to be a terrorist or a criminal you tend to think male," Latimer said.

That stereotype is based in some fact, according to a 2011 Statistics Canada report that found women mainly enter the criminal justice system as victims, not perpetrators.

Using data from 2009, the report approximates that 233,000 females (both youth and adult) committed a criminal code offence, compared to more than 700,000 men.



Lindsay Kanittha Souvannarath



Randall Steven Shepherd

Welfare fraud, shoplifting, drug and solicitation charges, or what Latimer calls "survival-based crimes," are those most commonly committed by women, especially among those who are disenfranchised. Murder, meanwhile, continues to be predominantly a male crime.

As a reporter, I can attest that when a woman is a suspect of violent crime it warrants a higher level of newsworthiness than a man, simply for the public interest. Think of

the difference in responses to Victoria Henneberry, the woman charged with first-degree murder of Loretta Saunders, who was met with venomous personal attacks compared to those against her boyfriend, Blake Legette, whose criminality seemed expected.

That double standard can play a destructive role to women in the justice system, warns Pate. Compared to men, female offenders are often subject to harsher treatment throughout the judicial process — from police officers, Crown prosecutors, correctional officers, judges — even their own defence attorneys. Statistically, women are also handed longer sentences than men convicted of the same crime.

So what all does this mean for the 23-year-old American woman who is accused of boarding a plane to carry out an apparent mass shooting in Halifax?

That justice may be blind, but let's hope it's not sexist.

Stephanie Taylor is a Metro reporter based in Halifax.

For the kids



Pharrell wants to make kids Happy with new book

Pharrell Williams has a Happy book deal.

The Grammy Award-winning performer has an agreement with Putnam Books for Young Readers for four picture books, starting with one inspired by his hit song. Putnam announced Tuesday that the book, Happy, will be published Sept. 22 and will feature photographs of children from around the world "celebrating what it means to be happy."

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New Dr. Seuss tale to be released

More than 20 years after his death, there is still plenty of news about Dr. Seuss.

Random House Children's Books said Wednesday it will publish a recently discovered manuscript with illustrations called What Pet Should I Get, on July 28. The publisher plans at least two more books, based on materials found in 2013 in the author's home in La Jolla, California, by his widow and secretary.

The author, whose real name was Theodor Geisel, died in 1991.

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His pretty little pictures now published in a book

Photography. Actor Keegan Allen looks at life behind the lens with his new work

Keegan Allen spends much of his life on camera on the ABC Family series Pretty Little Liars, but he spends his free time behind the lens, taking photos. His love of photography was born at age 10, when his father (the late actor Phillip R. Allen) let him borrow a Leica M6, a range finder camera. "I was very introverted and that was my way of sharing my life with people ... I wanted people to relate to the images that impacted me," Allen, 25, says.

His new photography book, life.love.beauty, was recently published by St. Martin's Press. Here Allen talks about photography and the identity of the mysterious character known as "A" on Pretty Little Liars.

Film vs. digital

I feel like something has been lost with digital (photography). There was something about shooting film that was romantic with time spent waiting to see what the image was. It was a lot more thoughtful. There was a process to it.

He's still learning

I don't consider myself in any way, shape or form a professional photographer. It's a hobby that I love and I'll continue to do it for the rest of my life and try to get as happy with the result as possible.

Allen on selfies

"I don't have a problem with selfies. I don't think anybody should have a problem with new things. ... It's just another form of expression and every form should be celebrated."



Lighting Matters

It's all about practice and understanding light. Lighting is 90 per cent of photography. If you don't have light, you don't have photography. Also, I think it's important when I see people clicking away if you want a photo that speaks to others, have it speak to you. Make sure you know why you're keeping a photo or an image. It will change the way you look at the world.

He knows the identity of killer 'A' on Pretty Little Liars

It's shocking, it's stunning, it's exhilarating, it's tremendous ... If you really go back to Season 1 and watch it all the way ... and you really pay attention, you will know and understand who it is from the clues that they place there ... It's a really amazing fable of four girls being traumatized by this character and (it's) pretty heartbreaking and gut-wrenching when you really find out.

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Keegan Allen has been taking pictures since he was 10 years old.

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Rick Salomon and Pamela Anderson ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Pam's divorce is tough on the Rottweiler

It's barely been a week since Pamela Anderson filed for divorce from husband Rick Salomon, and already tensions are escalating. The former Baywatch star is reportedly ordering him to remove his two daughters,

ages 16 and 18, from her Malibu home immediately. She also wants his Rottweiler, Bumblebee, removed from the premises — so you know she means business. Salomon, who is currently working in Las Vegas, reportedly

"begged Pam to give him a week or two until they could find a new place," but Anderson isn't budging. This is the second time Anderson has filed to end her marriage to Salomon, and they were also briefly married in 2007 before Anderson had it annulled. Maybe this time it will stick? I just hope Bumblebee's OK.

Anti-vaxxers don't get to hold Kristen's baby

The backlash against parents opposed to vaccinating their kids has a new celebrity face: House of Lies and Veronica Mars star Kristen Bell, who has two infant daughters at home. "When Lincoln was born (two years ago), the whooping cough epidemic was growing, and before she was two months old, we simply said, 'You have to get a whooping cough vaccination if you are going to hold our baby,'" Bell tells

the Hollywood Reporter. And she and husband Dax Shepard aren't loosening those precautions a bit with newborn Delta. "It's a very simple logic," she explains. "I believe in trusting doctors, not know-it-alls."

Kristen Bell



Buffy star busted again



You may recall Nicholas Brendon played Xander, circa early 2000s. He looks grown-up now, but the actor's allegedly been acting like a rowdy teen.

Oh, Xander. Oh, no. Former Buffy the Vampire Slayer star Nicholas Brendon has had his second run-in with the law in less than six months after being arrested in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. for grand theft and criminal mischief, according to TMZ. Brendon, who was in town to attend the Shock Pop Comicon fan event, allegedly trashed his hotel room and skipped out on the bill, leaving behind a \$380 food and

beverage tab plus \$450 in damages. "While attending Shock Pop Comicon in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, Nicholas was placed into a deplorable situation involving his professional arrangements and chose to react in an adverse manner. This reaction led to his arrest on Monday," a rep for the actor tells E! News.

Tom's got a thing for aliens

When he's not fighting with his Blink-182 bandmates, Tom DeLonge is busy searching for proof of extraterrestrial life.

And, he insists in an interview with Paper, he's found it. "If anybody tells you there's no life in the universe, you should be turned off. That's just such a dumb thing to say," he tells the magazine. "It's totally, universally accepted amongst the country's elite scientific establishments that there's life everywhere. The question is what kind, where, how'd they get here, what are they doing when they get here, and how do we communicate with them?"



Tom DeLonge

Perry almost wasn't a Friend

Can you imagine Friends with someone other than Matthew Perry playing Chandler Bing? Well, it nearly happened, all because Perry's horrible business manager at the time told him he had no money and needed a gig badly. And before the script for Friends came along, he'd already signed up to star in a sitcom pilot called LAX 2194,

about "baggage handlers at the L.A. airport in the year 2194," he recently revealed to Seth Meyers.



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Grace Kelly meets Chaka Khan

Zac Posen said he was looking to mix and match his muses for fall. He worked in stretch jersey, included more day looks and ran with a '70s vibe, like this bright orange top paired with a long loose skirt of a similar shade. "We wanted more fluidity on the runway. I was feeling the glamour of Grace Kelly meets the spice of Chaka Khan. I draped most of the collection myself, on weekends. In my quiet moments," the affable designer said.

Inspired by nature

The Mulleavy sisters of Rodarte turned to migrating birds for inspiration. "It just felt ... natural," Laura Mulleavy said. "We weren't thinking of anywhere specific, just birds migrating from one place to another. Maybe leaving the city and going to a place that's more pastoral." Elaborately sequined, beaded, feathered dresses like this one — are those birds, too? "It all was, in a weird way," Laura Mulleavy said.



Pretty in pastels

Yellow, a prominent colour in J Crew's winter collection, is anything but mellow here. Jenna Lyons, the label's creative director, said she wanted to add "sparkle" to the line, which on the clothes manifested itself in the form of sequins, furs and oversized tailoring.



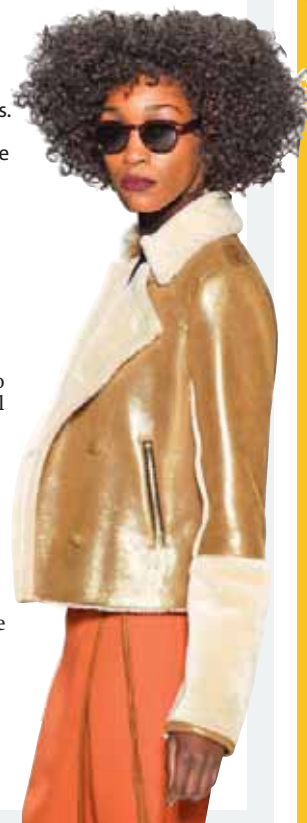
TOP LOOKS FROM NEW YORK

Fashion Week is about to wrap in New York City where frigid weather failed to stop a parade of bright colours, furs and sequins. Here are four must-have looks inspired by '70s palettes, feminine silhouettes and new-age glam.

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Gold rush

Georgine Ratelband wants to blur the line between casual and formal, classic and modern. The Milan-trained but New York City-based designer achieves her goal with this look in Georgine's fall 2015 collection that includes a shimmery jacket with a vintage-y textured trim, paired here with a flowy orange skirt.



Profile. Canadian model is busy breaking the traditional runway mould

Chantelle Winnie is taking the fashion world by storm.

A young Canadian model, who loves an English breakfast of sausage, bacon and egg, is the It girl of diversity in a world pilloried for brutal uniformity.

Diagnosed with vitiligo at age four, the same skin disorder Michael Jackson had, she overcame bullying before being plucked from obscurity to appear on America's Next Top Model and, last year, was chosen as the face of Barcelona label Desigual.

While the 20-year-old has crossed dreams off her to-do lists, the biggie remains: gracing the cover of fashion bible American Vogue, whose steely editor

in chief Anna Wintour she has not met. Yet.

Bubbly and prone to loud guffaws of laughter, Winnie projects a girly exterior that belies a cast-iron determination.

She has become a spokeswoman for vitiligo, which causes white patches to appear across the body and affects up to two million Americans.

"I could more label myself as even a spokeswoman for happiness!" she tells AFP in a New York hotel.

But it has not been an easy journey to the catwalk for Desigual at 2015 New York Fashion Week.

Winnie was rejected by every modelling agency in

Toronto.

Like any self-respecting wannabe, she built a profile on social media where she was discovered by Tyra Banks.

"You were already a star. I just gave you a platform to make sure people recognized that you were. Keep making me proud," she says, fishing out her cell-phone to read a message from Banks.

"That really touched me," she adds.

She also doesn't dwell on bad things in the past and says her message to young girls is: "Focus on your opinion of yourself and not the opinion others have of you."

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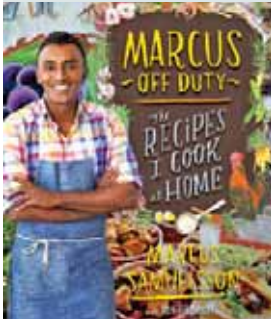


Chantelle Winnie walked in New York Fashion Week. AFP

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Cookbook of the Week

Global flavours



What does celebrity chef Marcus Samuelsson eat at home? Marcus Off Duty answers that question as the youngest chef ever to receive three stars from the New York Times shares the dishes he serves his loved ones. The recipes blend an array of flavours from his Ethiopian, Swedish, Mexican, Caribbean, Italian and Southern American travels. Recipes include Sweet Potato Gnocchi, Banh Mi Sandwich, Lamb Lasanga, Shredded Turkey Chili, Soha Chicken with Jollof Rice, and Sweet and Salty Mud Pie. **METRO**

Togetherness in an easy meal

Chinese New Year. Say, 'Gung Hei Fatt Choi!' with Poached Chicken with Ginger-Scallion Sauce

"One of my favorite things to do is to visit Chinatown during Chinese New Year," writes award-winning chef Marcus Samuelsson in his book Marcus Off Duty.

"The meals during this

holiday are symbolic, with dishes designed to bring good luck and prosperity for the coming year.

"But you don't need to be super-educated about the traditions to enjoy them. This whole poached chicken symbolizes joy and togetherness of family."

1. Put the chicken in a large stockpot and add just enough water to cover. Add the red chile and garlic. Bring to a boil, reduce the heat, and simmer for 20 min-

Ingredients

- 1 (3 1/2-lb) chicken
- 1 red chile
- 2 garlic cloves, thinly sliced
- 3 tbsp sesame oil
- 6 tbsp peanut oil
- 3 scallions, cut into thin strips
- 1 (3-inch) piece ginger, peeled and minced
- 2 tbsp light soy sauce
- 1 tbsp dry sherry

- 2 tsp brown sugar
- 1 lemongrass stalk, pounded

Garnish

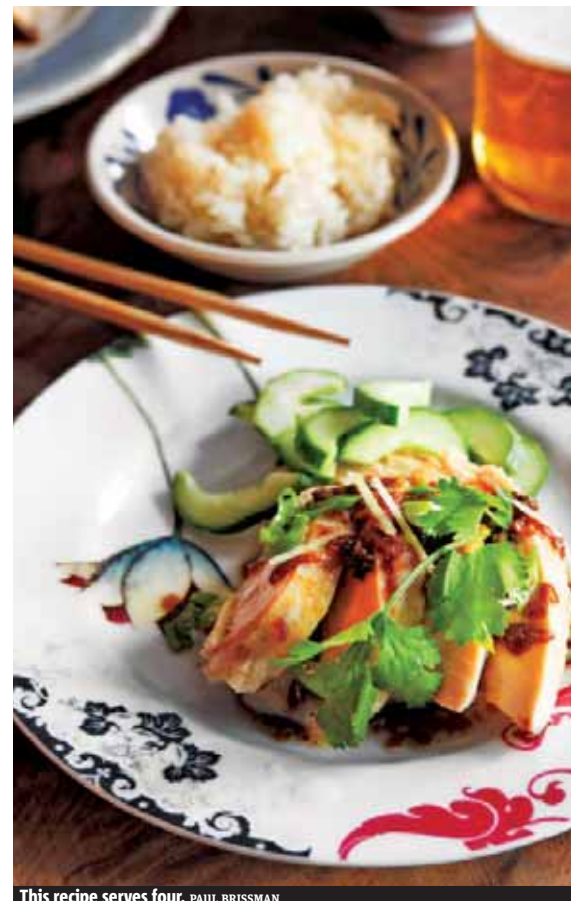
- 2 scallions, thinly sliced on the bias
- 1 cucumber, peeled, halved, seeded, and cut on the bias
- Fresh cilantro leaves
- 1 tsp sesame seeds

utes. Turn off the heat and let the chicken sit until the broth is lukewarm. Transfer the chicken to a carving board (reserve the broth for another use). Pat the chicken dry with paper towels and rub it lightly all over with the sesame oil. Cut the chicken into 8 serving pieces, arrange on a serving platter, and keep warm.

2. Heat the peanut oil in a small saucepan over high heat. When it shimmers, add the scallion strips. Sauté for 30 seconds, stirring constantly. Remove with a slotted spoon, drain on paper towels, and set aside for the garnish. Add the ginger to the pan and sauté for 30 seconds. Add the soy sauce, sherry, brown sugar, and lemongrass and bring to a boil. Remove the sauce from the heat and discard the lemongrass.

3. Garnish: Scatter the sliced scallions, cucumber, cilantro, and sesame seeds around the chicken. Top with the fried scallions and drizzle the sauce over all. Serve warm.

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Ask a designer. A reader wants to inject colour into a neutral apartment



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I live in a condo which is nicely decorated with neutral grey tones. I'd like to brighten things up to help get me through this long winter. What would be a good colour to inject?
— Sabrina in Halifax

One of the best colours to inject zing into a neutral interior is orange. It will help warm up the cool tones of grey and is a colour we are seeing as a big trend for spring/summer. Orange radiates warmth and happiness as it combines red (stimulating) and yellow (the cheeriest of all colours).

Introduce this colour in accessories rather than investing in large furnishings, art or light fixtures. By adding dollops of orange around your home, you create surprise hits of zingy colour as you walk around.

Here's a lineup of budget-worthy accessories that will inject a burst of citrus into your apartment.



Something as simple as a new shower curtain, towels and a mat will have your bath glowing with citrus.

Never underestimate a window curtain teamed with a plastic liner to be used in the shower. Striped Voile Curtains, \$10, Minimalist Border Towels, from \$5, Simons.ca



Changing the largest accessory in the bedroom gives instant impact. Linen will add a soft, luxurious texture and soften with every wash. Belgian Linen Duvet Cover and Shams, \$39-\$129, WestElm.com

Two new chairs at the end of the table and some casual dishes will spruce up your dining experience. Vata Dining Chair Set (2), \$259. TheBay.com. Miko Orange Collection, \$10/plate, UrbanBarn.com



A colourful runner can sit in a foyer, in front of the sofa or along the foot of the bed. Classics; no matter what colour; will never go out of style and make great investments. Hand-Knotted Bijar Wool Rug (#722228), 4'x9', \$185, eCarpetGallery.com

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Passing traditions

Celebrating good fortune. For this family, Chinese New Year is a blend of old and new

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Adelaide Wan, her two sisters, Naomi and Kitty, and their families spend Chinese New Year's Eve together every year.

"We have a whole chicken, steamed fish and special dishes that we may see only on new year's," explains Wan, "like my mom's vegetable dish that she cooks with fermented tofu, which gives it a reddish colour." And that's not done by accident — red, symbolizing good fortune and joy, is a lucky colour.

Traditionally, Chinese New Year celebrations run from the last day of the last month on the Chinese cal-

endar and end on the 15th day of the first month in the new year with the Lantern Festival, making it the longest festival in the Chinese calendar.

"Back in Hong Kong, it's a completely different atmosphere, like a party, and we would celebrate with all of our relatives," said Wan. "Everyone gets vacation time, it's more than a week of holidays, and it's really very festive — kind of like Christmas here."

But since immigrating to Canada, Wan and her family have modified their new year's plans. "We all work, so we can't celebrate for the whole week straight," said Adelaide.

Each region in China has its own traditions, but some



Adelaide, left, and her sisters Naomi and Kitty are passing along Chinese New Year traditions to their children, Tammy, two, and Kaydence, three. PEYMAN SOHEILI/FOR METRO

rituals stay the same. Some, such as the red packets of "lucky" money, seem to be universal. Traditionally, elders in the family present the younger members with red envelopes containing money. Red, of course.

"The red packets — that was the best part when I was younger," said Wan's sister Naomi. And that's one tradition that she is passing on

to her daughter, Kaydence, three.

"This year, I want to start telling her how important it is to get together to celebrate the lunar calendar, explain our traditions, and how money is a blessing," said Naomi.

Wan's other sister Kitty, who also has a daughter, two-year-old Tammy, agreed. "We give Tammy the red

packets and when she gets them, she gets really excited — she doesn't even know what they are, really!"

Kitty also enjoys putting up banners in her home, bestowing wishes of good luck, health and prosperity.

"They're like Christmas decorations," she said. "They're always bright, printed on red paper and I buy the ones with cartoons

on them for my daughter."

There's one more tradition that the Wan sisters embrace: Filling the house with fresh flowers. The Chinese New Year, also known as the Spring Festival because it is starting to warm up at this time of year in China, has so many Chinese families decorate their homes with fresh flowers and blossoms, and plants that bloom.

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You are what you eat. Cuisine brings happiness, wealth

If you're ever invited for a Chinese New Year's feast, prepare yourself for many dishes.

"Every region in China has their favourite dishes from their specific cuisine, but one thing is true across the board: it will be some of the best food they eat all year," said Andrew Chase, a former chef who has lived in Hong Kong and Shanghai, now the owner of Pine and Bamboo Ceramics in Toronto.

"There are a lot of courses to signify abundance — and the more you can eat, the better," said Chase. "People will save all year for this special

meal, if they have meat only once a year, for instance, they will have it at new year's."

And everything means something, as the Chinese believe that everything you do on new year's will determine your luck for the year. Many of the foods eaten are to bring wealth, happiness and good fortune, while others are consumed because their names are homophones for words that also mean good things.

Egg rolls are nice, as they resemble gold bars. Dumplings are served because they resemble ingots or a purse, something in which money is

kept. As well, these items have a further advantage, as there is no need to cut them: The Chinese don't like to use sharp objects like knives on new year's, which may slice through good luck or cut familial relations.

What to eat on new year's For prosperity: lettuce, pomelos

For happiness: shrimp

For longevity: long noodles, peanuts

For wealth: oranges

For luck: tangerines

For fertility: Things with seeds, like pomegranates

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Long-Life Fertility Noodles with Happy Shrimp is a standard recipe for Chinese New Year. COURTESY DONNA PARIS

What's on in Ottawa

The Chinese New Year Carnival 2015 features Chinese acrobats and dancers performing with Chinese musicians using authentic Chinese instruments. The show will happen Wednesday, Feb. 25 at the Centrepointheatre. Tickets range from \$28 to \$88.

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When you're sick, getting enough rest is key to recovering quickly.



If coughing is keeping you up all night, reach for something hot and soothing. SHUTTERSTOCK IMAGES

A good night's sleep when you're sick

Bedtime. Steps to take to clear your sinuses

JACQUELINE KOVACS
For Metro

We all know that sleep is vital to health, but did you know it's doubly important to get that shut-eye when you're sick?

"Rest is your body's opportunity to recuperate," said Dr. Lisa Graves, chief of the depart-

ment of family and community medicine for Toronto's St. Michael's Hospital.

Problem is, if you're coughing and sniffing, sleep can be as elusive as a Leafs' winning streak. But the good news is there are some simple strategies to quiet your cough and stifle your sniffles. And it's as easy as one, two, three.

Loosen up

Drink something warm and soothing — chamomile tea

Direct relief

Looking for an effective, drug-free way to clear your nasal congestion? Rinse your nose with saline. Delivered via a spray bottle

or a neti pot, a nasal saline rinse will safely wash the mucus from your nose, giving you relief from all that stuffiness.

with honey, for instance, will make you sleepy, help quiet your cough and, because it's a hot liquid, it can help loosen that mucus buildup in your

upper respiratory tract. Real chicken soup is another great choice: Researchers at Mount Sinai Medical Center tested the effectiveness of chicken soup

on 15 people with colds and it proved more effective than hot water in helping to clear out sinuses. What you want to avoid are any cold drinks around bedtime — that same study found sipping something chilly can increase congestion.

Warm up

Before you go to bed, take a hot shower or bath. The warmth and humidity prompts your sinuses to drain and triggers the lining in your

nasal passages to contract.

Prop up

When it comes to keeping those sinuses drained, gravity is your friend. Try placing a few books under your mattress at the head of your bed, rather than propping your head up with extra pillows, which may injure your neck. Then, stick on a nose strip — it's a safe, easy way to literally open up your nose, allowing you greater breathing space.



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UFC

MacDonald to fight Lawler for welterweight title

Canadian Rory MacDonald will fight UFC welterweight champion Robbie Lawler on July 11 in Las Vegas.

MacDonald had been due to meet Hector Lombard at UFC 186 in Montreal in April, but that fight was dropped after Lombard tested positive for steroids.

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Expanded drug testing on horizon

In the wake of a spate of high-profile doping cases, the UFC has announced plans to spend millions to expand drug testing of its 585 fighters.

The mixed martial arts juggernaut also said it will press athletic commissions to impose or accept far more severe doping penalties. The current standard for first-time MMA offenders is generally nine months. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

NFL

Fitzgerald, Cards reach 2-year deal

Larry Fitzgerald is staying with the Arizona Cardinals, the only home he's known in his 11-year NFL career.

The eight-time Pro Bowl wide receiver has agreed to a restructured, two-year contract. The deal guarantees Fitzgerald \$11 million in each of the two years, a person with knowledge of the details said.

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Curling

Arsenault upsets Jones, Homan

Manitoba's Jennifer Jones was due for a clunker. It finally happened Wednesday morning at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts when she lost 9-6 to Nova Scotia's Mary-Anne Arsenault.

Jones, the reigning Olympic champion, was in second place at 6-1. Alberta's Val Sweeting was the lone unbeaten rink at 7-0 after 12 draws of play. She beat Quebec's Lauren Mann 8-6.

Arsenault improved to 4-5 later in the day with a 7-6 win over Rachel Homan and Team Canada.

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Hamstrung Sens turn to Hammond

Senators goalie Andrew Hammond makes a save as defenceman Jared Cowen ties up the Canadiens' Lars Eller on Wednesday night at the Canadian Tire Centre. With Craig Anderson and Robin Lehner nursing injuries, Hammond made his first NHL start. For the story, go to metronews.ca. **ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Panthers chasing down playoff berth

NHL. Florida has its eyes set on Eastern Conference's eight seed held by Boston

Shawn Thornton still has friends on the Boston Bruins, but he wishes his former teammates ill will as his Florida Panthers chase them down for a playoff spot.

"I'm hoping they fall off," Thornton said. "I want to play in the playoffs. It's been a while since I haven't. It's not acceptable. I'm hoping that we can close that gap soon."

The gap between the Bruins and Panthers for the second wild-card spot in the

Bubble teams

Prior to Wednesday's games, trailing the ninth-place Panthers were the Philadelphia Flyers (by four points) and the Ottawa Senators (eight points).



Panthers goalie Roberto Luongo makes a save on the Penguins' Kris Letang on Dec. 22 in Sunrise, Fla. Luongo's play has helped the Panthers stay in the playoff hunt. **MIKE EHRMANN/GETTY IMAGES**

Eastern Conference is just two points going into Boston's game Wednesday night at the lowly Edmonton Oilers.

The playoff race is very real for Florida, which has gotten superb goaltending from Roberto Luongo and contributions from budding young stars like Aaron Ekblad and Nick Bjugstad.

"We're still in the hunt," coach Gerard Gallant said. "We've been consistent all

year long. We play hard and we work hard.... If we show up and play hard, we can beat anybody on any given night."

After beating the Maple Leafs, the Panthers continue their Canadian swing Thursday at the Montreal Canadiens before visiting the Ottawa Senators on Saturday. They've played well enough lately and capitalized on the Bruins' stretch of five losses in six games to cut the deficit down

Quoted

"Everyone's a lot more excited to come to the rink. We're just having fun and this playoff push is a big-time challenge for us."

Panthers forward Nick Bjugstad

from eight points earlier this month.

Thornton, who has been on eight playoff teams and won the Stanley Cup twice between the Anaheim Ducks and Bruins, knows it's not easy to make up points this late in a season. He referenced the commonly held theory that teams out of a spot by U.S. Thanksgiving are extreme long shots to make it.

Still, every game has a playoff feel now for the Panthers.

"It has to be for us," Thornton said. "We're in ninth, we're not in seventh or eighth. We're trying to climb back in and we're chasing some good teams." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Canucks Indy-bound for combine

NFL. Four Canadians looking to catch scouts' eyes and move on to gridiron glory

Four Canadians are auditioning their skills this week at the NFL scouting combine in Indianapolis, along with more than 300 prospects. How they perform will go a long way to determining where or if they're picked in the NFL draft, which runs from April 30 to May 2.

Here's a look at the four Canadians in action.

BRANDON BRIDGE

Pros: Has perhaps the strongest arm in the combine. He also has good size at six-foot-five, 235 pounds.

Cons: Very raw. Scouts question his accuracy and footwork.

Last season: Bridge, a Mississauga, Ont., native, started at South Alabama in 2014, where he completed 160 of 307 pass attempts for 1,927 yards and 15 touchdowns with eight interceptions. He also carried the ball 101 times

for 519 yards and four TDs.

Prospects: Projected to be a mid- to late-round pick. Several NFL teams in need of a QB, including the Buffalo Bills, may take a look at him.

TYLER VARGA

Pros: A short, explosive runner for Yale who can power through tacklers.

Cons: The draft is stacked at running back. At 5-10, 227 pounds, Varga is thought to be too small to be a fullback and too big to be a running back.

Last season: At Yale, he is second among the school's top 10 career rushers with a 5.6 average per carry. His stock soared after a two-TD performance at the Senior Bowl, the premier senior showcase game.

Projection: Scouts believe the Kitchener, Ont., native's best chance to make the NFL is as a special-teams player.

BRETT BOYKO

Pros: Has good size at a 6-7, 310-pound tackle out of UNLV. Shows a lot of initial pop when he gets full extension, scouts say. Rated an excellent pass blocker, Saskatoon's Boyko is also the No. 1 Canadian head-

ing into the CFL draft according to CFL Scouting Bureau.

Cons: Below-average strength at the point of attack.

Last season: Split time starting between left tackle and guard as a senior.

Projection: Scouts may shy away because he never played offensive tackle until he arrived at UNLV, and his learning curve will be very steep.

CHRISTIAN COVINGTON

Pros: A 6-3, 300-pound defensive tackle from Vancouver out of Rice University in Houston. He has natural power.

Cons: Scouts say his co-ordination is suspect.

Last season: His season was cut short when he dislocated his kneecap in second game, and he missed the rest of the year.

Projection: This combine is his best chance to raise his draft status. Scouts like his size — and they also like his genetic makeup. His father, Grover, was as a member of the Hamilton Ticats from 1981 to 1992, and is a member of the Canadian Football Hall of Fame.

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Ontario quarterback Brandon Bridge showed off his wheels in 2014, carrying the ball 101 times for 519 yards and four touchdowns with South Alabama. STREETER LECKA/GETTY IMAGES

Ronaldo's scoring touch alive and well vs. Schalke



Real Madrid players mob Carlo Ancelotti after Marcelo's 79th-minute goal against Schalke on Wednesday in Gelsenkirchen, Germany. PATRIK STOLLARZ/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Cristiano Ronaldo ended a brief goal-scoring slump to help holder Real Madrid beat Schalke 2-0 in the last 16 of the Champions League on Wednesday.

Ronaldo headed home in the 26th minute of the first leg match, after going three matches without a goal in the Spanish league. He also set up Marcelo for the second goal in the 79th.

"Clearly he lives to score and it was an important goal — and a good reaction at an important stage of the season," Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti said.

Real Madrid routed Schalke

6-1 last season at the same stadium in Gelsenkirchen with a ruthless attacking performance, advancing 9-2 on aggregate. Madrid went on to win a record 10th title and is seeking to become the first repeat Champions League winner.

This time, Schalke defended much better but did not threaten much either.

The closest it came to scoring was in the 74th, when Felix Platte, making his Champions League debut, fired a volley from the edge of the area against the crossbar.

"It's a disappointing result. Neither team had many chan-

ces but they scored," Schalke coach Roberto Di Matteo said. "If Platte had scored, the match might have gone our way."

The second leg in Spain is on March 10.

Madrid stretched its winning streak in the Champions League to 10, scoring 27 goals and conceding three. The Spanish club had won only three of 27 trips to Germany before Wednesday.

Ronaldo had a simple header for his 73rd goal in the Champions league after Dani Carvajal floated a cross behind the back of Schalke's defence.

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In Basel, Switzerland

Daniilo's late goal from the penalty spot secured a 1-1 draw for Porto at Basel on Wednesday as the two clubs fought for a berth in the quarter-finals of the Champions League.

- The Brazilian defender equalized with 11 minutes to play in the last 16, first leg match. Derlis Gonzalez put Basel ahead in the 11th.

Racism

Paris police open investigation into Chelsea supporters

With a racist song ringing in his ears, a black man trying to board a subway train in Paris stands back after twice being pushed away by a group of Chelsea soccer fans.

That happened Tuesday at Richelieu Drouot metro station, a short time before Chelsea played Paris Saint-Germain in the Champions League. On Wednesday, the

Paris prosecutor's office opened an investigation into racially-motivated violence on public transport.

In a video of the incident posted online by the Guardian newspaper, the man dressed in a long overcoat and with a bag hanging from his left shoulder tries to board the train and is pushed away. He then pushes back and says in French "Can I get on or what?" before again being shoved away.

A black woman walked away from the chanters moments later.

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MLB

Hosmer set to return to Royals

First baseman Eric Hosmer and the Kansas City Royals avoided arbitration by agreeing to a \$13.9 million, two-year contract.

Hosmer gets \$5.65 million this year under Wednesday's agreement and \$8.25 million in 2016.

The 25-year-old hit .270 for the AL champions with 35 doubles, nine homers and 58 RBIs.

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NBA

Dragic set to fly out of Phoenix

Dissatisfied with his role on the team, Goran Dragic says he's made up his mind that he's leaving the Phoenix Suns, preferably before Thursday's trade deadline.

If not, he has made it clear there is no way he would re-sign with the team after this season.

As Dragic put it, "I don't trust them anymore."

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Goran Dragic was third team all-NBA last season, when he had great success alongside fellow point guard Eric Bledsoe. But this season the Suns added a third point guard, Isaiah Thomas, to the mix. CHRISTIAN PETERSEN/GETTY IMAGES

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

Avoid extremes today. Mercury's link to Saturn means you need to stay on good terms with everyone, especially people in positions of power.

♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

This is a good day for thinking but not such a good day for making decisions. Whatever you decide over the next 24 hours you are likely to have second thoughts about.

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

You are looking for excuses to avoid something that must be done. But you made an agreement that you must keep.

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

The planets suggest you will say something shocking today, just for the fun of it. It may be amusing to you but others won't be so happy about it and your reputation could suffer.

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

It may be that what a friend or family member has to tell you has some value in it, but what does your inner voice say? You are reluctant to trust your instincts but, ultimately, you can't trust anything else.

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

You may disagree with someone's opinions today but you would still be wise to listen. It could be they know something that you don't.

♎ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Something you are told may not ring true but don't dismiss it. Conversely, something else you are told may seem obvious but don't just accept it. The only thing you can be sure of today is that nothing is for certain.

♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Even if you strongly disagree with what someone is doing you are advised not to make a big deal of it. They may want to draw attention to themselves.

♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Social activities will be fun over the next few days but you will spend too much money. If you have to go cap in hand to a loved one for a loan later expect them to want something back.

♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Someone you live or work with will tell you something you don't want to hear. You know it's true so swallow your pride and act on the information.

♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Be careful what you wish for over the next 24 hours because you may decide later that you don't want what you wished for. But you won't be allowed to change your mind.

♓ Pisces

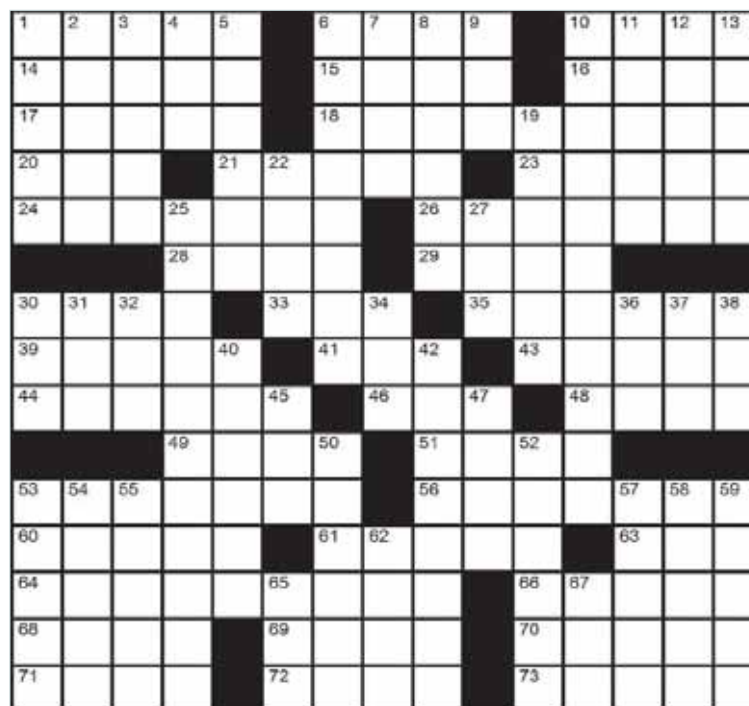
Feb. 20 - March 20

If you are asked to give more than you think is fair today, speak up about it. If it means you fall out with someone, so be it.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan

Across

1. Better skilled
6. Honey
10. Hurricane Katrina org.
14. Offence
15. In an unwell way, say
16. The Good Earth heroine
17. Accumulate a restaurant tab: 2 wds.
18. British Columbia village in the Robson Valley
20. Shiba __ (Dog breed of Japan)
21. 1987 Heart hit
23. Confuse things
24. Secret agent's file
26. Wheeled stretchers
28. Camaro model, __-Z
29. Ms. Falco
30. Laze
31. Beak
35. Ms. Lauder's
39. Egyptian city
41. "Spider!"
43. Birthdays: "Make __!"
44. Spanish wine
46. Particular pronoun
48. Single occurrence
49. "Wait just __!"
51. Attire
53. Endurance
56. Creamy carnivorous dish, Chicken __
60. Phantom's instrument



61. Not as well-done, as steak
63. Grandmother's nickname
64. Quebec City's former NHL team
66. Japan's city of canals
68. Movie-__
69. Dilbert comics intern

70. Musical group of nine
71. Dagger
72. TV brand
73. Garden huts

Down

1. Bitter
2. Keyboard playing student in "Fame" (1980)

3. Blanket-carrying Peanuts character
4. Australia's coat of arms animal
5. Mend
6. Montreal-born actress Norma Shearer won the Best Actress Oscar for her performance in "The __" (1930)

7. Panache
8. Declare in a motion
9. Loaf selection
10. "Chopped Canada" airer: 2 wds.
11. Dodge
12. Macho
13. Poker stakes
19. Oscar-winning actress Ms. Tomei
22. Singer/guitarist

- Mr. Redbone
25. Film for which Toronto-born actor Walter Huston won a Best Supporting Actor Oscar, "The Treasure of the __" (1948)
27. Ulan-__, city in Russia
30. 'Electron' suffix
31. "Lah-di-__!"
32. Whopper
34. Jay Z's wife, to pals
36. German article
37. Keyboard key
38. " __ Devil" (1989)
40. Noble family of Italy
42. Canadian singers/identical twin brothers, Ryan and Dan __
45. Currency in Japan
47. River to the Ubangi
50. Opera tenor, Enrico __ (b.1873 - d.1921)
52. Mr. Eckhart's
53. Ranked-things on Billboard
54. Royal __ Golf Club, in Scotland
55. Concur
57. Ludicrous
58. "The __ Chef" (Jamie Oliver's old cooking show)
59. Teeny biting flies
62. " __ Flux" (2005)
65. ' __' in Quesnel
67. Note before Lah

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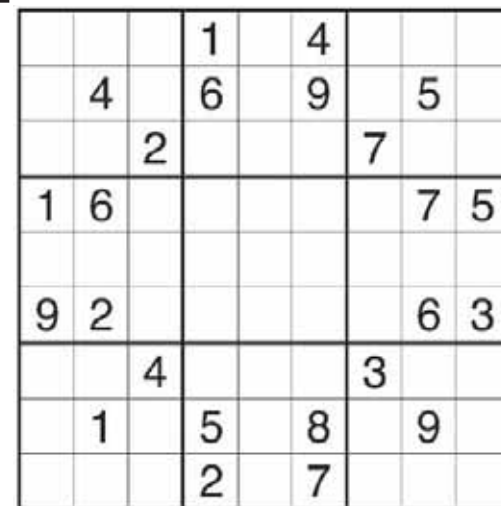


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